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Whimsical Mixed Media Jewelry Created by Theresa Kibby at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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BEREA, Ky. – On Saturday, June 9, Theresa Kibby, of Somerset, will mix metals and other media to create whimsical “critter” jewelry from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Born in Las Vegas, Kibby spent most of her school years in the Cincinnati area. Involved with music most of her life, she has a degree in musical performance (saxophone and voice) from Indiana State University.

After college, Kibby helped her mother set up and run a gallery of fine craft in Somerset, where she met local artist-jeweler Jamison Brumm. Kibby began working part-time for Brumm doing piece work, and eventually became an official full-time apprentice. After learning all the aspects of jewelry production, she then began participating in craft shows with Brumm, to learn the marketing and business side of the profession. After two full years, Brumm encouraged Kibby to go out on her own. Kibby celebrated her first full year as a jeweler in the fall of 2004.

Kibby has always drawn animals, and her renderings are childlike and abstract. When she began to build upon the geometric qualities of her drawings, her images were easy to translate into jewelry. She began to add beads and found objects to the cut-out metal “critters” for embellishment and fun. Her own pets, a yellow-collared dwarf macaw parrot and her dog, often become the subjects of her jewelry.

Works by Kibby are regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate -75 at Berea exit 77. The center’s exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily, year-round, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from 100 counties across the Commonwealth and a special exhibition, “About Face: Kentucky Artisan Works Inspired by the Human Face,” on display through Aug. 26. For information call 859-985-5448 or visit the center’s website at www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov

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Theresa Kibby and her whimsical “Puppy” and “Kitty” pins at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea